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SUPPORT FOR HB 6187- PROVIDES A COURT ADVOCATE FOR ANIMALS  
SUPPORT FOR SB 1128 - ELIMINATES USE OF ACCELERATED REHAB IN CASES  
OF ANIMAL ABUSE

I support HB 6187 because animals who are abused need a voice on their behalf to advocate for them and tell their story. We owe it to these innocent victims who suffer in silence and cannot speak for themselves, to have representation in a court of law.

I support SB 1128 because violence towards animals must be taken seriously and stronger penalties enforced. Abuse of animals has been linked to violence against people and other crimes. Letting animal abusers go without penalty is promoting the cycle of violence and crime. Many times it is too late and these animals have already lost their lives to the hands of an animal abuser. Why should someone be allowed to go free without penalty for killing? We are animals too, so killing an animal should be equal to killing a human.

Recording these crimes against animals is also important so these individuals will not be allowed to adopt or own animals in the future to do the same. Also records of animal abuse can help law enforcement to see patterns of violence that can link individuals to domestic abuse.

Respectfully,

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